

# Default Management It's a TEAM EFFORT

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MONROE COLLEGE





- A two campus institution (Bronx and New Rochelle)
- A Two + Two Degree Granting College
- A THREE SEMESTER Schedule
- Yes, I do mean Three SEMESTERS not tri-mesters





- A Borrower Award Year (BAY) vs. a Scheduled Award Year (SAY)
- A Student body of about 4,500
- Offering classes 7 days a week and through late in the evening
  - Over 60% of the students walk into our doors after 5 PM.





- Over 90% of the students receive Title IV
- Over 80% of the students receive Federal Pell Grants
- Over 60% of the students have EFCs of 300 or less



## Monroe College is:

 A family environment where student's are treated no better or worse than the administration and faculty

- A team of people with one goal, one focus
  - THE SUCCESS OF OUR STUDENTS





- A low cost high value environment
- Student body from over 14 different countries
  - Includes Title IV eligible students (like USVI)
  - Growing dormitory population.





#### Monroe's Default Rate HISTORY

**1993** 25.2% **1994** 22.75

**1995** 16.9% **1996** 19.45





### Monroe's Default Rate HISTORY

14.85%

11%





#### Monroe's Default Rate HISTORY

1999 6.3%

2000 4.3% (draft)





- Admissions
  - Admitting students whose focus is success
  - The Freshman Experience
  - The Hand Off



- The Faculty
  - Life skills
  - Instructor who can teach and prepare students for the realistic job Market
  - Instructors who care- before, during and after classroom hours

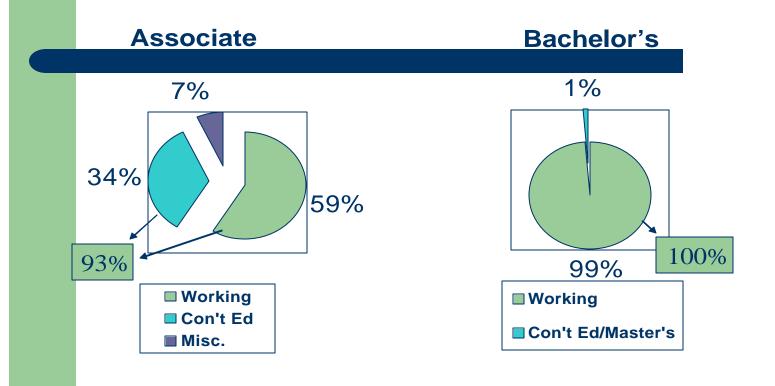


#### Career services

- Finding the right careers for the right students at the right time
- Preparing students for the job market long before graduation.
- Placing students even if they are not graduates



### **Car**eer Services Outcomes - Bronx Fall 1999 – Associate/Bachelor's







- Student Financial Services
  - Two entrance interviews generally required
    - On Line + (One on One or Group)
  - Personal debt management counseling.
    - Continuing contact with loan team encouraged through the student's career.



- Student Financial Services (cont)
  - Proactive approach
    - Working the CAR
    - Working with HESC Loan Advocate Unit's pilot project
    - Outsourcing
    - Special projects for special circumstances
      - 911 forbearance





- Student Financial Services (cont)
  - Team Approach
    - Freshman Team
    - Title IV Team
      - Loan Team
      - Pell/SEOG Team
      - FWS Team
      - Financial Aid Team
      - Bursar/Financial Aid Team
        - » Student Financial Services





- Executive administration
  - Caring and understanding
  - Seeing the big picture
  - Willing to approve lost revenue polices in
    - R2T4 Issues
      - Disbursement scheduling
      - Returning loans in full and waiving student balance



- The STUDENTS TEAM (The RESULT!!!)
  - Desire to succeed
  - Low competitive, High Achievement
  - Welcome to know on any door
    - While school and after separation



- The Scholarship Office
- E-mail accounts for all students and alumni
- Alumni development
- Engaging a professional debt management service
- Automating more processes without losing the hands on feel



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